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SUBJ: URQUHART'S COMMENTS ON FIFTH ROUND OF CYPRUS TALKS

1. DURING FEBRUARY 25 CALL BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS, USYG
URQUHART REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS AT LAST WEEK'S CYPRUS TALKS.
SINCE MUCH OF WHAT HE SAID HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED, WE
SUMMARIZE BELOW ONLY HIS MAIN POINTS.

2. URQUHART THOUGHT FIFTH ROUND TURNED OUT BETTER THAN ANYONE
HAD A RIGHT TO EXPECT AFTER A VERY SHAKY START. HE WAS NOT YET
SURE WHY BOTH PARTIES SO READILY ACCEPTED TERMS OF COMMUNIQUE,
BUT SUPPOSED IT WAS BECAUSE EACH SIDE OBTAINED ITS
PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE. FOR DENKTASH THIS MEANT ESTABLISHMENT
OF COMMITTEE FORUM; FOR CLERIDES IT WAS AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE
WRITTEN PROPOSALS WITHIN SET TIME PERIOD. UN WAS FOR ITS
PART PLEASED TO HAVE A MAP AT LAST WHICH COULD BE USED AS
BASIS FOR FUTURE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS.

3. WHILE MAP WAS A GOOD START, URQUHART CONTINUED, TURKS WERE
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HARDLY LIKELY TO ACCEPT IT AS IT STOOD. FOR ONE THING,

MORPHOU HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN RESETTLED BY TURK CYPRIOTS AND WAS NOT LIKELY TO BE RELINQUISHED. (URQUHART THOUGHT IT MIGHT NEVERTHELESS BE POSSIBLE TO GET BACK SOME CITRUS GROVES SURROUNDING MORPHOU.) ANOTHER AREA THE TURKS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP WAS SEACOAST DIRECTLY NORTH OF FAMAGUSTA WITH ITS GREAT TOURISM POTENTIAL. FOR THESE REASONS, URQUHART SAID, WALDHEIM HAD TOLD GREEK FONMIN BITSIOS HE BELIEVED CYPRIOTS WOULD BE FORTUNATE IF TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED BASED ON CURRENT MAP OR SOMETHING CLOSE TO IT.

4. URQUHART SAID THAT WHILE DENKTASH WAS NOW COMMITTED TO MAKING CONCRETE COUNTERPROPOSALS ON TERRITORY, THE SIX WEEK DEADLINE MIGHT SLOP BECAUSE OF TURK CYPRIOT ELECTIONS. ONE CONSIDERATION, HE CONTINUED, WAS TIMING OF SYG'S REPORT ON CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS, DUE MARCH 31 UNDER GA RESOLUTION 3395. UN WOULD TRY TO GET THIS REPORT OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND; NEGOTIATIONS WERE HARD ENOUGH WITHOUT SECURITY COUNCIL BECOMING INVOLVED.
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